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Key: a - asked price: b - bid price: n - nominal quotation

Table 1. WHEAT: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
December 1953

| Date | : Chicago : Board of : Trade | : Minneapolis : : Grain : : Exchange | : Kansas City : : Board of : : Trade | : Other : : contract : : markets | : Total |
|-----------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|---------|
| 1953 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| December | bushels | bushels | bushels | bushels | bushels |
| 1 | 18,693 | 1,717 | 1,901 | 205 | 22,516 |
| 2 | 18,079 | 2,091 | 1,294 | 225 | 21,689 |
| 3 | 17,120 | 1,399 | 1,178 | 222 | 19,919 |
| 4 | 12,950 | 1,075 | 1,202 | 204 | 15,431 |
| Saturday | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | |
| 7 | 19,484 | 1,182 | 1,159 | 266 | 22,091 |
| 8 | 12,761 | 1,628 | 878 | 192 | 15,459 |
| 9 | 16,997 | 1,789 | 905 | 240 | 19,931 |
| 10 | 10,657 | 1,190 | 940 | 195 | 12,982 |
| 11 | 10,772 | 1,458 | 709 | 133 | 13,072 |
| Saturday | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | |
| 14 | 11,422 | 1,354 | 980 | 181 | 13,937 |
| 15 | 10,513 | 1,076 | 699 | 171 | 12,459 |
| 16 | 7,381 | 1,267 | 610 | 130 | 9,388 |
| 17 | 12,275 | 1,190 | 1,190 | 293 | 14,948 |
| 18 | 8,695 | 1,265 | 680 | 199 | 10,839 |
| Saturday | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | |
| 21 | 12,191 | 1,631 | 967 | 151 | 14,940 |
| 22 | 6,824 | 577 | 582 | 215 | 8,198 |
| 23 | 9,730 | 658 | 594 | 193 | 11,175 |
| 24 | 8,911 | 393 | 813 | 122 | 10,239 |
| Holiday | | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | |
| 28 | 9,965 | 900 | 922 | 189 | 11,976 |
| 29 | 9,795 | 1,352 | 1,259 | 185 | 12,591 |
| 30 | 7,486 | 1,067 | 819 | 178 | 9,550 |
| 31 | 5,181 | 939 | 670 | 113 | 6,903 |
| Total | | | | | |
| Dec. 1953 | 257,882 | 27,198 | 20,951 | 4,202 | 310,233 |
| Nov. 1953 | 302,496 | 39,778 | 23,495 | 5,280 | 371,049 |
| Dec. 1952 | 220,121 | 26,409 | 41,072 | 3,759 | 291,361 |

Table 2. WHEAT: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
December 1953

| Date | Future | | | | | All futures |
|-----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|----------------|
| | December | March | May | July | September | |
| 1953 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| December | bushels | bushels | bushels | bushels | bushels | bushels |
| 1 | 5,400 | 5,856 | 5,935 | 1,337 | 65 | 18,693 |
| 2 | 3,886 | 7,078 | 5,738 | 1,308 | 69 | 18,079 |
| 3 | 3,108 | 5,998 | 6,631 | 1,283 | 100 | 17,120 |
| 4 | 2,113 | 5,195 | 4,310 | 1,118 | 214 | 12,950 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 7 | 2,459 | 6,265 | 7,587 | 2,886 | 287 | 19,484 |
| 8 | 1,084 | 4,916 | 5,541 | 1,047 | 173 | 12,761 |
| 9 | 2,222 | 6,887 | 6,181 | 1,429 | 278 | 16,997 |
| 10 | 745 | 4,023 | 4,503 | 1,176 | 210 | 10,657 |
| 11 | 647 | 4,189 | 4,275 | 1,556 | 105 | 10,772 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 14 | 711 | 4,960 | 4,467 | 1,164 | 120 | 11,422 |
| 15 | 220 | 4,113 | 4,727 | 1,253 | 200 | 10,513 |
| 16 | 334 | 2,679 | 3,196 | 1,124 | 48 | 7,381 |
| 17 | 463 | 4,413 | 5,910 | 1,277 | 192 | 12,275 |
| 18 | 732 | 3,448 | 3,306 | 884 | 325 | 8,695 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 21 | 1,521 | 4,368 | 4,668 | 1,163 | 471 | 12,191 |
| 22 | --- | 3,028 | 2,596 | 852 | 348 | 6,824 |
| 23 | --- | 4,126 | 4,259 | 1,030 | 315 | 9,730 |
| 24 | --- | 3,665 | 4,166 | 762 | 318 | 8,911 |
| Holiday | | | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 28 | --- | 4,482 | 4,434 | 899 | 150 | 9,965 |
| 29 | --- | 3,446 | 4,038 | 2,020 | 291 | 9,795 |
| 30 | --- | 2,789 | 3,747 | 853 | 97 | 7,486 |
| 31 | --- | 2,082 | 2,255 | 644 | 200 | 5,181 |
| Total | | | | | | |
| Dec. 1953 | 25,765 | 98,006 | 102,470 | 27,065 | 4,576 | 257,882 |
| Nov. 1953 | 132,926 | 58,796 | 79,343 | 26,585 | 4,846 | 302,496 |
| Dec. 1952 | 23,803 | 57,615 | 100,117 | 32,413 | 6,173 | 220,121 |

Table 3. WHEAT: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
December 1953

| Date | : Chicago : : Board of : : Trade : | Minneapolis: Grain : Exchange : | Kansas City : Board of : Trade : | Other : contract : markets : | Total |
|----------|--|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1953 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| December | <u>bushels</u> | <u>bushels</u> | <u>bushels</u> | <u>bushels</u> | <u>bushels</u> |
| 1 | 80,792 | 11,844 | 9,676 | 483 | 102,795 |
| 2 | 80,641 | 11,438 | 9,361 | 489 | 101,929 |
| 3 | 80,693 | 11,335 | 9,485 | 483 | 101,996 |
| 4 | 80,056 | 11,377 | 9,337 | 501 | 101,271 |
| Saturday | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | |
| 7 | 79,312 | 11,520 | 9,477 | 506 | 100,815 |
| 8 | 78,444 | 11,539 | 9,436 | 514 | 99,933 |
| 9 | 78,170 | 11,332 | 9,429 | 515 | 99,446 |
| 10 | 77,686 | 11,362 | 9,377 | 504 | 98,929 |
| 11 | 78,133 | 11,323 | 9,413 | 499 | 99,368 |
| Saturday | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | |
| 14 | 77,182 | 11,329 | 9,087 | 500 | 98,098 |
| 15 | 76,880 | 11,251 | 9,071 | 520 | 97,722 |
| 16 | 76,350 | 11,246 | 8,986 | 545 | 97,127 |
| 17 | 75,634 | 11,266 | 9,020 | 473 | 96,393 |
| 18 | 76,090 | 11,066 | 8,997 | 458 | 96,611 |
| Saturday | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | |
| 21 | 75,035 | 10,770 | 8,945 | 452 | 95,202 |
| 22 | 74,411 | 10,786 | 8,854 | 495 | 94,546 |
| 23 | 73,838 | 10,833 | 8,922 | 470 | 94,063 |
| 24 | 74,451 | 10,774 | 8,973 | 472 | 94,670 |
| Holiday | | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | |
| 28 | 74,233 | 10,786 | 9,026 | 472 | 94,517 |
| 29 | 73,476 | 10,578 | 8,993 | 491 | 93,538 |
| 30 | 72,819 | 10,640 | 9,105 | 480 | 93,044 |
| 31 | 72,863 | 10,657 | 9,282 | 480 | 93,282 |

Table 4. WHEAT: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
December 1953

| Date | Future | | | | | All futures |
|----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | December | March | May | July | September | |
| | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels |
| 1953 | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | |
| 1 | 7,391 | 30,323 | 28,381 | 11,800 | 2,897 | 80,792 |
| 2 | 5,405 | 32,001 | 28,485 | 11,837 | 2,913 | 80,641 |
| 3 | 4,592 | 32,334 | 28,862 | 11,972 | 2,933 | 80,693 |
| 4 | 4,245 | 32,457 | 28,415 | 11,889 | 3,050 | 80,056 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 7 | 4,012 | 32,509 | 28,035 | 11,588 | 3,168 | 79,312 |
| 8 | 3,281 | 32,413 | 27,907 | 11,651 | 3,192 | 78,444 |
| 9 | 3,231 | 32,065 | 27,637 | 11,956 | 3,281 | 78,170 |
| 10 | 2,577 | 31,862 | 27,774 | 12,117 | 3,356 | 77,666 |
| 11 | 2,287 | 32,110 | 28,172 | 12,174 | 3,390 | 78,133 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 14 | 1,731 | 31,275 | 28,357 | 12,396 | 3,423 | 77,182 |
| 15 | 1,603 | 30,903 | 28,382 | 12,535 | 3,457 | 76,880 |
| 16 | 1,506 | 30,889 | 28,114 | 12,408 | 3,433 | 76,350 |
| 17 | 1,318 | 30,600 | 27,944 | 12,343 | 3,429 | 75,634 |
| 18 | 1,183 | 30,905 | 28,013 | 12,397 | 3,592 | 76,090 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 21 | 634 | 30,397 | 27,932 | 12,407 | 3,665 | 75,035 |
| 22 | 67 | 30,109 | 28,151 | 12,494 | 3,590 | 74,411 |
| 23 | --- | 29,667 | 28,024 | 12,471 | 3,676 | 73,838 |
| 24 | --- | 29,753 | 28,622 | 12,350 | 3,726 | 74,451 |
| Holiday | | | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 28 | --- | 29,981 | 28,344 | 12,180 | 3,728 | 74,233 |
| 29 | --- | 30,129 | 27,695 | 11,941 | 3,711 | 73,476 |
| 30 | --- | 29,673 | 27,421 | 11,993 | 3,732 | 72,819 |
| 31 | --- | 29,780 | 27,315 | 11,964 | 3,804 | 72,863 |

Table 5. WHEAT: Daily closing prices, at Chicago, Minneapolis,
Kansas City and Liverpool
December 1953

| 1954 May future | | | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Date | Chicago Board of Trade | Minneapolis Grain Exchange | Kansas City Board of Trade | Liverpool ^{1/} |
| 1953 | | | | |
| December | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents |
| 1 | 206 1/2-3/4 | 229 1/4 | 213 1/4 | 194 |
| 2 | 207 5/8-3/4 | 230 1/8 | 213 7/8 | 194 5/8 |
| 3 | 207 1/2-5/8 | 229 7/8 | 213 1/8 | 193 3/4 |
| 4 | 208 3/4-7/8 | 230 1/8 | 213 3/8 | 186 3/8 |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 7 | 210 1/8-1/4 | 230 1/4 | 214 1/8-1/4 | 186 1/4 |
| 8 | 210 1/4-3/8 | 229 3/8 | 212 1/2 | 187 7/8 |
| 9 | 208-08 1/8 | 227 1/4 a | 211 | 189 |
| 10 | 208 1/8-1/4 | 227 3/4 | 211 1/2 | 188 3/8 |
| 11 | 208 1/8-1/4 | 227 7/8 | 211 7/8 | 188 |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 14 | 206-06 1/8 | 225 1/2 | 210 1/2 | 188 3/8 |
| 15 | 205 7/8-06 | 225 3/8 | 210 7/8 | 187 5/8 |
| 16 | 205 7/8-06 | 225 3/4 | 211 3/8 | 187 |
| 17 | 205 5/8-3/4 | 226 5/8 b | 211 1/2-5/8 | 186 1/4 |
| 18 | 204 1/2-5/8 | 227 1/4 | 211 3/8 | 186 1/8 |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 21 | 204 1/2-5/8 | 226 7/8-27 | 210 1/8-1/4 | 186 1/8 |
| 22 | 204-04 1/8 | 226 1/4 a | 210 5/8 | 185 1/2 |
| 23 | 204 1/4-3/8 | 227 | 210 7/8-11 | 187 1/2 |
| 24 | 206 1/4-3/8 | 229 3/8-1/2 | 213 | 187 5/8 |
| Holiday | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 28 | 208-08 1/8 | 230 1/2 | 213 1/2 | 189 |
| 29 | 207 5/8 | 229 3/8 b | 213 3/4 | 189 5/8 |
| 30 | 206 5/8-3/4 | 227 1/4 | 213 1/8 | 191 |
| 31 | 207-07 1/8 | 227 1/4 | 212 1/2 | 191 |

^{1/} Quotations taken from the price board of the Chicago Board of Trade;
prices appearing thereon already converted to cents per bushel from
shillings and pence per cental.

Table 6. WHEAT: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, December 1953

| Date | 1953 December future | | | 1954 March future | | | 1954 May future | | |
|-----------|----------------------|---------|----------------|-------------------|---------|-------------|-----------------|---------|-------------|
| | :High | Low | Closing | :High | Low | Closing | :High | Low | Closing |
| 1953 | | | | | | | | | |
| December: | Cents | Cents | Cents | :Cents | Cents | Cents | :Cents | Cents | Cents |
| 1 | :201 1/2 | 198 | 201 1/4-3/8 | :206 7/8 | 204 1/4 | 206 5/8-3/4 | :206 3/4 | 203 3/4 | 206 1/2-3/4 |
| 2 | :203 | 201 1/4 | 202 3/8 | :208 1/2 | 207 1/8 | 207 7/8-08 | :208 1/4 | 206 7/8 | 207 5/8-3/4 |
| 3 | :204 7/8 | 202 | 203 1/4 | :209 3/4 | 207 3/8 | 208-08 1/8 | :209 1/4 | 207 | 207 1/2-5/8 |
| 4 | :204 3/4 | 202 | 204 3/8-1/2 | :209 1/2 | 207 1/2 | 209 3/8-1/2 | :208 7/8 | 207 3/8 | 208 3/4-7/8 |
| Saturday: | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday : | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | :207 1/8 | 204 1/2 | 206 3/4 | :212 | 209 5/8 | 211 1/4-3/8 | :211 1/8 | 208 3/4 | 210 1/8-1/4 |
| 8 | :207 3/8 | 206 | 207 1/4 | :211 3/4 | 210 1/8 | 211-11 1/8 | :210 7/8 | 209 1/4 | 210 1/4-3/8 |
| 9 | :208 1/4 | 205 1/2 | 205 1/2-5/8 | :211 1/2 | 208 5/8 | 208 5/8-3/4 | :210 5/8 | 208 | 208-08 1/8 |
| 10 | :206 1/8 | 204 1/2 | 205 1/8 | :209 1/4 | 207 5/8 | 208 3/4 | :208 3/4 | 206 7/8 | 208 1/8-1/4 |
| 11 | :206 | 204 1/4 | 205-05 1/8 | :209 7/8 | 207 7/8 | 208 5/8-7/8 | :209 3/8 | 207 3/8 | 208 1/8-1/4 |
| Saturday: | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday : | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | :204 7/8 | 202 | 202-02 1/8 | :208 1/4 | 206 1/8 | 206 1/8-1/4 | :208 1/4 | 206 | 206-06 1/8 |
| 15 | :203 1/4 | 201 3/4 | 203 | :206 7/8 | 205 5/8 | 206 | :206 5/8 | 205 1/2 | 205 7/8-06 |
| 16 | :203 5/8 | 202 5/8 | 202 3/4-7/8 | :207 3/8 | 206 | 206 1/8-1/4 | :207 | 205 7/8 | 205 7/8-06 |
| 17 | :203 3/8 | 199 3/4 | 201 1/2 | :206 3/4 | 203 1/4 | 205-05 1/8 | :206 5/8 | 204 | 205 5/8-3/4 |
| 18 | :201 1/2 | 200 | 200 7/8-01 | :204 7/8 | 203 1/2 | 204 | :205 1/2 | 204 3/8 | 204 1/2-5/8 |
| Saturday: | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday : | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | :202 1/2 | 199 1/2 | 201 1/2-02 1/2 | :204 3/8 | 202 3/4 | 204 1/8-3/8 | :205 | 203 3/8 | 204 1/2-5/8 |
| 22 | :--- | --- | --- | :204 3/4 | 203 | 203-03 3/8 | :205 1/2 | 204 | 204-04 1/8 |
| 23 | :--- | --- | --- | :204 1/2 | 202 3/8 | 204 1/8-1/4 | :204 7/8 | 203 1/2 | 204 1/4-3/8 |
| 24 | :--- | --- | --- | :205 7/8 | 204 | 205 5/8-3/4 | :206 1/2 | 204 1/4 | 206 1/4-3/8 |
| Holiday : | | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday: | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday : | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | :--- | --- | --- | :208 | 206 1/2 | 207 3/4-7/8 | :208 1/4 | 206 7/8 | 208-08 1/8 |
| 29 | :--- | --- | --- | :208 1/2 | 207 3/8 | 207 1/2-5/8 | :208 1/2 | 207 1/2 | 207 5/8 |
| 30 | :--- | --- | --- | :207 5/8 | 206 | 206 1/4 | :207 5/8 | 206 1/2 | 206 5/8-3/4 |
| 31 | :--- | --- | --- | :206 3/4 | 206 1/8 | 206 1/2-3/4 | :207 1/4 | 206 5/8 | 207-07 1/8 |

Table 7. CORN: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
December 1953

| Date | Chicago Board of Trade | Other contract markets | Total |
|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| 1953 December | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels |
| 1 | 17,420 | 129 | 17,549 |
| 2 | 13,469 | 166 | 13,635 |
| 3 | 9,865 | 52 | 9,917 |
| 4 | 11,466 | 82 | 11,548 |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 7 | 7,873 | 57 | 7,930 |
| 8 | 8,529 | 58 | 8,587 |
| 9 | 14,428 | 115 | 14,543 |
| 10 | 9,521 | 85 | 9,606 |
| 11 | 7,306 | 76 | 7,382 |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 14 | 8,331 | 86 | 8,417 |
| 15 | 9,131 | 60 | 9,191 |
| 16 | 6,139 | 86 | 6,225 |
| 17 | 10,553 | 128 | 10,681 |
| 18 | 8,597 | 53 | 8,650 |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 21 | 12,468 | 122 | 12,590 |
| 22 | 7,416 | 83 | 7,499 |
| 23 | 10,058 | 174 | 10,232 |
| 24 | 4,991 | 95 | 5,086 |
| Holiday | | | |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 28 | 8,977 | 94 | 9,071 |
| 29 | 8,513 | 49 | 8,562 |
| 30 | 7,710 | 69 | 7,779 |
| 31 | 5,211 | 60 | 5,271 |
| Total | | | |
| Dec. 1953 | 207,972 | 1,979 | 209,951 |
| Nov. 1953 | 265,915 | 2,308 | 268,223 |
| Dec. 1952 | 284,221 | 3,573 | 287,794 |

Table 8. CORN: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
December 1953

| Date | Future | | | | | All futures |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | December | March | May | July | September | |
| 1953 December | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels |
| 1 | 4,709 | 3,545 | 7,028 | 1,987 | 151 | 17,420 |
| 2 | 2,781 | 2,494 | 7,000 | 1,107 | 87 | 13,469 |
| 3 | 1,868 | 2,493 | 4,492 | 766 | 246 | 9,865 |
| 4 | 2,509 | 2,669 | 5,090 | 1,086 | 112 | 11,466 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 7 | 2,216 | 1,733 | 2,916 | 901 | 107 | 7,873 |
| 8 | 1,601 | 2,123 | 3,858 | 819 | 128 | 8,529 |
| 9 | 2,055 | 3,372 | 7,107 | 1,406 | 488 | 14,428 |
| 10 | 1,093 | 2,151 | 5,032 | 1,055 | 190 | 9,521 |
| 11 | 847 | 1,572 | 3,852 | 923 | 112 | 7,306 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 14 | 919 | 2,133 | 4,529 | 663 | 87 | 8,331 |
| 15 | 1,020 | 2,189 | 4,275 | 1,433 | 214 | 9,131 |
| 16 | 451 | 1,688 | 2,792 | 892 | 316 | 6,139 |
| 17 | 870 | 3,162 | 4,996 | 1,316 | 209 | 10,553 |
| 18 | 1,223 | 1,854 | 4,624 | 685 | 211 | 8,597 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 21 | 3,320 | 2,882 | 5,478 | 676 | 112 | 12,468 |
| 22 | --- | 1,509 | 4,718 | 1,071 | 118 | 7,416 |
| 23 | --- | 2,296 | 5,610 | 1,985 | 167 | 10,058 |
| 24 | --- | 1,196 | 2,865 | 879 | 51 | 4,991 |
| Holiday | | | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 28 | --- | 1,521 | 5,657 | 1,603 | 196 | 8,977 |
| 29 | --- | 1,455 | 5,588 | 1,394 | 76 | 8,513 |
| 30 | --- | 1,306 | 4,946 | 1,368 | 90 | 7,710 |
| 31 | --- | 1,079 | 3,264 | 821 | 47 | 5,211 |
| Total | | | | | | |
| Dec. 1953 | 27,482 | 46,422 | 105,717 | 24,836 | 3,515 | 207,972 |
| Nov. 1953 | 123,215 | 38,906 | 78,717 | 22,813 | 2,264 | 265,915 |
| Dec. 1952 | 38,386 | 64,912 | 148,234 | 29,569 | 3,120 | 284,221 |

Table 9. CORN: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
December 1953

| Date | : Chicago Board of Trade | : Other contract markets | : Total |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1953 December | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels |
| 1 | 87,832 | 317 | 88,149 |
| 2 | 86,685 | 309 | 86,994 |
| 3 | 86,280 | 307 | 86,587 |
| 4 | 86,432 | 298 | 86,730 |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 7 | 86,617 | 288 | 86,905 |
| 8 | 85,787 | 286 | 86,073 |
| 9 | 83,235 | 310 | 83,545 |
| 10 | 81,943 | 314 | 82,257 |
| 11 | 81,625 | 298 | 81,923 |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 14 | 81,342 | 308 | 81,650 |
| 15 | 81,062 | 313 | 81,375 |
| 16 | 80,819 | 303 | 81,122 |
| 17 | 81,430 | 286 | 81,716 |
| 18 | 81,378 | 289 | 81,667 |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 21 | 79,358 | 242 | 79,600 |
| 22 | 78,973 | 255 | 79,228 |
| 23 | 78,707 | 248 | 78,955 |
| 24 | 78,450 | 281 | 78,731 |
| Holiday | | | |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 28 | 77,781 | 270 | 78,051 |
| 29 | 78,200 | 271 | 78,471 |
| 30 | 78,202 | 275 | 78,477 |
| 31 | 78,005 | 256 | 78,261 |

Table 10. CORN:

Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
December 1953

| Date | Future | | | | | All futures |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | December | March | May | July | September | |
| 1953 December | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels |
| 1 | 11,158 | 21,884 | 39,374 | 14,056 | 1,360 | 87,832 |
| 2 | 9,112 | 22,437 | 39,485 | 14,301 | 1,350 | 86,685 |
| 3 | 8,277 | 22,236 | 39,907 | 14,421 | 1,439 | 86,280 |
| 4 | 7,452 | 22,821 | 39,985 | 14,686 | 1,488 | 86,432 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 7 | 6,550 | 23,347 | 40,263 | 14,962 | 1,495 | 86,617 |
| 8 | 5,939 | 23,335 | 39,901 | 15,083 | 1,529 | 85,787 |
| 9 | 4,982 | 22,716 | 39,060 | 14,827 | 1,650 | 83,235 |
| 10 | 4,479 | 22,204 | 38,670 | 14,933 | 1,657 | 81,943 |
| 11 | 4,037 | 22,146 | 38,781 | 14,988 | 1,673 | 81,625 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 14 | 3,528 | 21,983 | 39,032 | 15,119 | 1,680 | 81,342 |
| 15 | 3,107 | 21,862 | 39,069 | 15,278 | 1,746 | 81,062 |
| 16 | 2,680 | 21,857 | 39,169 | 15,298 | 1,815 | 80,819 |
| 17 | 2,476 | 22,092 | 39,291 | 15,705 | 1,866 | 81,430 |
| 18 | 1,929 | 22,231 | 39,658 | 15,738 | 1,822 | 81,378 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 21 | 676 | 22,341 | 38,726 | 15,792 | 1,823 | 79,358 |
| 22 | 131 | 22,338 | 38,626 | 16,078 | 1,800 | 78,973 |
| 23 | 40 | 22,180 | 38,186 | 16,390 | 1,911 | 78,707 |
| 24 | --- | 21,919 | 37,954 | 16,654 | 1,923 | 78,450 |
| Holiday | | | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 28 | --- | 21,756 | 37,647 | 16,514 | 1,864 | 77,781 |
| 29 | --- | 21,482 | 38,088 | 16,748 | 1,882 | 78,200 |
| 30 | --- | 21,354 | 37,997 | 16,979 | 1,872 | 78,202 |
| 31 | --- | 21,284 | 37,974 | 16,900 | 1,847 | 78,005 |

Table 11. CORN: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, December 1953

| Date | 1953 December future | | | 1954 March future | | | 1954 May future | | |
|-----------|----------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|---------|-------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|
| | High | Low | Closing | High | Low | Closing | High | Low | Closing |
| 1953 | | | | | | | | | |
| December: | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents |
| 1 | 157 5/8 | 156 5/8 | 157 3/8-5/8 | 161 | 159 3/4 | 160 3/4-7/8 | 161 3/4 | 160 3/8 | 161 1/2-5/8 |
| 2 | 157 3/4 | 156 3/4 | 156 3/4-7/8 | 160 7/8 | 159 7/8 | 159 7/8-60 | 161 3/4 | 161 | 161 1/8-1/4 |
| 3 | 156 7/8 | 155 3/4 | 155 3/4-7/8 | 160 1/8 | 159 | 159 1/8 | 161 1/4 | 160 1/4 | 160 1/4-3/8 |
| 4 | 156 1/8 | 155 1/8 | 155 1/4-3/8 | 159 3/8 | 158 1/4 | 158 3/4-7/8 | 160 1/4 | 159 1/4 | 159 3/4-7/8 |
| Saturday: | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday : | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 156 3/8 | 155 1/8 | 155 3/4-7/8 | 159 5/8 | 158 1/2 | 159 1/4-3/8 | 160 1/2 | 159 3/8 | 160-60 1/8 |
| 8 | 156 1/4 | 155 1/8 | 155 1/8 | 159 5/8 | 158 3/4 | 159-59 1/8 | 160 1/2 | 159 5/8 | 159 7/8-60 |
| 9 | 156 | 153 3/4 | 153 7/8-54 | 159 1/4 | 156 3/8 | 157 1/2 | 160 1/2 | 157 3/4 | 158 1/8-1/4 |
| 10 | 155 | 153 1/8 | 154 7/8-55 | 157 7/8 | 156 1/2 | 157 7/8 | 158 3/4 | 157 1/4 | 158 1/2-5/8 |
| 11 | 155 3/8 | 153 5/8 | 154 1/4-1/2 | 158 3/8 | 156 3/4 | 157 1/2-5/8 | 159 | 157 1/2 | 158 1/8-1/4 |
| Saturday: | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday : | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 154 1/4 | 153 3/8 | 153 3/8-1/2 | 157 1/4 | 155 1/2 | 155 1/2-5/8 | 158 | 156 3/4 | 156 3/4-7/8 |
| 15 | 153 7/8 | 152 3/4 | 152 3/4-7/8 | 156 | 154 5/8 | 154 5/8-3/4 | 157 1/8 | 156 1/8 | 156 1/8 |
| 16 | 153 5/8 | 152 1/2 | 152 1/2 | 155 5/8 | 154 3/4 | 154 7/8 | 156 7/8 | 155 7/8 | 155 7/8-56 |
| 17 | 153 1/4 | 151 1/2 | 152 7/8 | 155 3/4 | 154 1/8 | 155 5/8-3/4 | 156 5/8 | 155 1/8 | 156 1/2-5/8 |
| 18 | 153 1/2 | 152 1/4 | 152 5/8-3/4 | 156 1/2 | 155 | 155 3/4-7/8 | 157 5/8 | 155 3/4 | 156 5/8-3/4 |
| Saturday: | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday : | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | 153 1/2 | 150 1/2 | 150 1/2-7/8 | 156 3/8 | 154 5/8 | 154 5/8-3/4 | 157 3/8 | 155 5/8 | 155 7/8-56 1/8 |
| 22 | --- | --- | --- | 155 1/8 | 154 1/4 | 154 5/8-3/4 | 156 1/2 | 155 1/4 | 155 3/4-7/8 |
| 23 | --- | --- | --- | 155 1/8 | 153 1/8 | 153 1/2 | 156 1/4 | 154 1/4 | 154 5/8-3/4 |
| 24 | --- | --- | --- | 154 5/8 | 153 3/8 | 154 1/2 | 155 7/8 | 154 1/2 | 155 3/4-7/8 |
| Holiday : | | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday: | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday : | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | --- | --- | --- | 156 7/8 | 155 1/4 | 156 3/4 | 158 | 156 1/2 | 157 7/8-58 |
| 29 | --- | --- | --- | 157 1/4 | 156 1/4 | 156 1/4 | 158 1/4 | 157 1/4 | 157 3/8-1/2 |
| 30 | --- | --- | --- | 156 1/4 | 155 | 155-55 1/8 | 157 3/8 | 156 1/8 | 156 3/8 |
| 31 | --- | --- | --- | 156 1/4 | 155 1/8 | 156 | 157 1/2 | 156 | 157 3/8-1/2 |

Table 12. OATS: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
December 1953

| Date | : Chicago : Board of : Trade | : Minneapolis : Grain : Exchange | : Other : contract : markets | : Total |
|-----------|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1953 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| December | <u>bushels</u> | <u>bushels</u> | <u>bushels</u> | <u>bushels</u> |
| 1 | 6,529 | 482 | 12 | 7,023 |
| 2 | 6,798 | 275 | 22 | 7,095 |
| 3 | 10,997 | 687 | 76 | 11,760 |
| 4 | 5,118 | 277 | 25 | 5,420 |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 7 | 8,815 | 655 | 19 | 9,489 |
| 8 | 8,984 | 244 | 44 | 9,272 |
| 9 | 6,356 | 213 | 10 | 6,579 |
| 10 | 4,663 | 332 | 28 | 5,023 |
| 11 | 6,007 | 313 | 21 | 6,341 |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 14 | 4,305 | 347 | 36 | 4,688 |
| 15 | 6,630 | 308 | 40 | 6,978 |
| 16 | 3,610 | 154 | 6 | 3,770 |
| 17 | 9,208 | 318 | 64 | 9,590 |
| 18 | 5,194 | 202 | 15 | 5,411 |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 21 | 9,022 | 309 | 32 | 9,363 |
| 22 | 3,909 | 161 | 12 | 4,082 |
| 23 | 6,435 | 174 | 62 | 6,671 |
| 24 | 4,284 | 110 | 28 | 4,422 |
| Holiday | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 28 | 9,075 | 204 | 17 | 9,296 |
| 29 | 3,286 | 248 | 21 | 3,555 |
| 30 | 4,077 | 125 | 37 | 4,239 |
| 31 | 3,605 | 129 | 6 | 3,740 |
| Total | | | | |
| Dec. 1953 | 136,907 | 6,267 | 633 | 143,807 |
| Nov. 1953 | 104,042 | 11,176 | 670 | 115,888 |
| Dec. 1952 | 224,738 | 8,523 | 1,488 | 234,749 |

Table 13. OATS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
December 1953

| Date | Futura | | | | | All futures |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | December | March | May | July | September | |
| 1953 December | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels |
| 1 | 1,804 | 2,146 | 2,448 | 121 | 10 | 6,529 |
| 2 | 1,084 | 2,119 | 2,737 | 741 | 117 | 6,798 |
| 3 | 1,472 | 4,077 | 4,529 | 719 | 200 | 10,997 |
| 4 | 937 | 1,861 | 1,901 | 404 | 15 | 5,118 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 7 | 883 | 3,807 | 3,784 | 319 | 22 | 8,815 |
| 8 | 1,150 | 3,971 | 3,354 | 494 | 15 | 8,984 |
| 9 | 831 | 2,213 | 2,755 | 537 | 20 | 6,356 |
| 10 | 545 | 2,045 | 1,797 | 241 | 35 | 4,663 |
| 11 | 1,075 | 2,231 | 2,288 | 326 | 87 | 6,007 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 14 | 265 | 1,837 | 1,851 | 342 | 10 | 4,305 |
| 15 | 493 | 2,571 | 3,131 | 390 | 45 | 6,630 |
| 16 | 400 | 1,280 | 1,727 | 181 | 22 | 3,610 |
| 17 | 1,159 | 3,640 | 3,615 | 679 | 115 | 9,208 |
| 18 | 988 | 1,659 | 1,797 | 710 | 40 | 5,194 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 21 | 2,436 | 3,511 | 2,517 | 534 | 24 | 9,022 |
| 22 | --- | 1,386 | 1,805 | 586 | 132 | 3,909 |
| 23 | --- | 2,164 | 3,558 | 589 | 124 | 6,435 |
| 24 | --- | 1,737 | 2,075 | 255 | 217 | 4,284 |
| Holiday | | | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 28 | --- | 3,582 | 4,414 | 855 | 224 | 9,075 |
| 29 | --- | 1,131 | 1,715 | 303 | 137 | 3,286 |
| 30 | --- | 1,550 | 2,275 | 194 | 58 | 4,077 |
| 31 | --- | 1,525 | 1,712 | 311 | 57 | 3,605 |
| Total | | | | | | |
| Dec. 1953 | 15,522 | 52,043 | 57,785 | 9,831 | 1,726 | 136,907 |
| Nov. 1953 | 36,911 | 30,043 | 31,120 | 5,968 | --- | 104,042 |
| Dec. 1952 | 44,247 | 76,684 | 80,147 | 20,690 | 2,970 | 224,738 |

Table 14. OATS: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
December 1953

| Date | : Chicago : Board of : Trade | : Minneapolis : Grain : Exchange | : Other : contract : markets | : : Total |
|----------|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1953 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| December | <u>bushels</u> | <u>bushels</u> | <u>bushels</u> | <u>bushels</u> |
| 1 | 52,646 | 5,573 | 175 | 58,394 |
| 2 | 52,381 | 5,650 | 159 | 58,190 |
| 3 | 52,589 | 5,558 | 192 | 58,339 |
| 4 | 52,946 | 5,553 | 199 | 58,698 |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 7 | 53,987 | 5,485 | 204 | 59,676 |
| 8 | 55,003 | 5,027 | 218 | 60,248 |
| 9 | 54,728 | 4,785 | 212 | 59,725 |
| 10 | 54,988 | 4,688 | 196 | 59,872 |
| 11 | 54,849 | 4,616 | 200 | 59,665 |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 14 | 54,650 | 4,645 | 190 | 59,485 |
| 15 | 55,067 | 4,568 | 191 | 59,826 |
| 16 | 54,993 | 4,284 | 193 | 59,470 |
| 17 | 54,049 | 4,212 | 195 | 58,456 |
| 18 | 54,373 | 4,104 | 188 | 58,665 |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 21 | 53,778 | 4,062 | 202 | 58,042 |
| 22 | 53,236 | 4,096 | 192 | 57,524 |
| 23 | 52,797 | 4,168 | 158 | 57,123 |
| 24 | 52,193 | 4,003 | 158 | 56,354 |
| Holiday | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 28 | 50,822 | 4,068 | 148 | 55,038 |
| 29 | 50,957 | 4,013 | 155 | 55,125 |
| 30 | 51,170 | 4,010 | 160 | 55,340 |
| 31 | 51,515 | 4,030 | 160 | 55,705 |

Table 15. OATS: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
December 1953

| Date | Future | | | | | All futures |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | December | March | May | July | September | |
| 1953 December | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels |
| 1 | 6,525 | 19,560 | 22,367 | 4,184 | 10 | 52,646 |
| 2 | 5,793 | 19,697 | 22,581 | 4,183 | 127 | 52,381 |
| 3 | 5,156 | 19,957 | 22,882 | 4,267 | 327 | 52,589 |
| 4 | 4,842 | 20,466 | 23,022 | 4,289 | 327 | 52,946 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 7 | 4,623 | 20,800 | 23,894 | 4,323 | 347 | 53,987 |
| 8 | 4,346 | 21,331 | 24,616 | 4,353 | 357 | 55,003 |
| 9 | 3,904 | 21,627 | 24,532 | 4,288 | 377 | 54,728 |
| 10 | 3,611 | 21,949 | 24,686 | 4,350 | 392 | 54,988 |
| 11 | 2,904 | 22,241 | 24,895 | 4,375 | 434 | 54,849 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 14 | 2,754 | 22,003 | 25,069 | 4,380 | 444 | 54,650 |
| 15 | 2,512 | 21,507 | 26,094 | 4,490 | 464 | 55,067 |
| 16 | 2,303 | 21,604 | 26,048 | 4,552 | 486 | 54,993 |
| 17 | 1,712 | 21,251 | 25,821 | 4,720 | 545 | 54,049 |
| 18 | 1,381 | 21,434 | 26,068 | 4,940 | 550 | 54,373 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 21 | 359 | 21,357 | 26,515 | 5,005 | 542 | 53,778 |
| 22 | 24 | 21,043 | 26,544 | 4,996 | 629 | 53,236 |
| 23 | --- | 20,804 | 26,337 | 4,988 | 668 | 52,797 |
| 24 | --- | 20,446 | 25,932 | 4,975 | 840 | 52,193 |
| Holiday | | | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 28 | --- | 19,107 | 26,033 | 4,794 | 888 | 50,822 |
| 29 | --- | 19,108 | 26,037 | 4,847 | 965 | 50,957 |
| 30 | --- | 18,934 | 26,394 | 4,873 | 969 | 51,170 |
| 31 | --- | 19,106 | 26,648 | 4,799 | 962 | 51,515 |

Table 16. OATS: Daily closing prices, Chicago Minneapolis and Winnipeg; and rate of exchange, Canadian Currency
December 1953

| | | 1954 May future | | | Canadian Currency | |
|----------|------------|-----------------|----------------|----------|-----------------------------|--|
| | | Chicago | Minneapolis | Winnipeg | | |
| Date | | Board of | Grain | Grain | Closing Quotation <u>2/</u> | |
| | | Trade | Exchange | Exchange | | |
| 1953 | | | | | | |
| December | Cents | Cents | Cents 1/ | Percent | | |
| 1 | 77 1/4-3/8 | 72 7/8 | 72 7/8 a | 2 9/16 | Premium | |
| 2 | 77 7/8-78 | 73 1/8 | 72 7/8 b | 2 1/2 | " | |
| 3 | 78 3/4 | 74 | 72 5/8-3/4 | 2 19/32 | " | |
| 4 | 78 1/4-3/8 | 73 5/8 | 73 1/4 b | 2 19/32 | " | |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 7 | 79 1/8-1/4 | 74 1/4 | 73 3/4 | 2 23/32 | " | |
| 8 | 78 7/8 | 74 3/8 a | 73 1/2 a | 2 3/4 | " | |
| 9 | 78 1/8-1/4 | 73 3/4 | 73 1/2 b | 2 23/32 | " | |
| 10 | 78 3/4 | 73 7/8 b | 73 3/4 | 2 51/64 | " | |
| 11 | 78 1/4-3/8 | 73 7/8 b | 73 5/8 | 2 29/32 | " | |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 14 | 77 1/2 b | 73 3/8 b | 73 1/4 | 3 | " | |
| 15 | 77 5/8 | 73 1/2 | 73 3/8 | 2 15/16 | " | |
| 16 | 77 5/8 | 73 3/8 | 73 3/8 a - 1/2 | 2 15/16 | " | |
| 17 | 76 1/2-5/8 | 72 3/8 b | 72 7/8 a | 3 1/32 | " | |
| 18 | 76-76 1/8 | 72 1/8 | 72 7/8 b | 2 31/32 | " | |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 21 | 75 5/8-3/4 | 71 5/8 a | 73 1/8 a | 2 31/32 | " | |
| 22 | 75 3/8-5/8 | 71 1/2 a | 72 3/4 a | 2 63/64 | " | |
| 23 | 74 3/8 | 70 5/8 | 72 1/8 a | 2 31/32 | " | |
| 24 | 75 1/8-1/4 | 71 1/4 | 72 1/4 | 2 31/32 | " | |
| Holiday | | | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 28 | 77 1/4 | 73 | 73 1/4 b | 2 15/16 | " | |
| 29 | 76 1/2-5/8 | 72 3/4 a | 73 3/8 | 2 23/32 | " | |
| 30 | 76 | 72 1/4 | 73 1/4 a | 2 19/32 | " | |
| 31 | 76 7/8-77 | 73 1/8 | 73 7/8 | 2 23/32 | " | |

1/ Quotations taken from the price board of the Chicago Board of Trade and converted into United States currency.

2/ Basis for converting closing prices on foreign markets into U. S. value.

NOTE: Canadian currency quotations furnished by a large Chicago bank.

Table 17. OATS: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, December 1953

| Date | 1953 December future | | | 1954 March future | | | 1954 May future | | |
|-----------|----------------------|--------|------------|-------------------|--------|------------|-----------------|--------|------------|
| | :High | Low | Closing | :High | Low | Closing | :High | Low | Closing |
| 1953 | | | | | | | | | |
| December: | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents |
| 1 | :77 1/8 | 76 | 76 7/8 | :79 3/8 | 78 5/8 | 79 1/4-3/8 | :77 3/8 | 76 3/4 | 77 1/4-3/8 |
| 2 | :77 3/4 | 77 1/8 | 77 1/2-5/8 | :79 7/8 | 79 3/8 | 79 3/4-7/8 | :78 | 77 1/2 | 77 7/8-78 |
| 3 | :78 7/8 | 77 3/8 | 78 7/8 | :81 3/8 | 79 7/8 | 81 1/8-1/4 | :79 1/8 | 77 3/4 | 78 3/4 |
| 4 | :79 | 78 3/8 | 78 1/2-5/8 | :81 1/4 | 80 1/2 | 80 5/8-3/4 | :78 7/8 | 78 1/4 | 78 1/4-3/8 |
| Saturday: | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | :79 5/8 | 78 7/8 | 79-79 3/8 | :81 7/8 | 81 | 81 3/8 | :79 3/8 | 78 5/8 | 79 1/8-1/4 |
| 8 | :79 1/2 | 77 3/4 | 78 1/4 | :81 7/8 | 80 1/4 | 80 3/4-7/8 | :79 5/8 | 78 1/2 | 78 7/8 |
| 9 | :78 1/2 | 77 1/2 | 77 5/8-78 | :81 1/8 | 80 1/8 | 80 1/8-1/4 | :79 | 78 1/8 | 78 1/8-1/4 |
| 10 | :78 1/2 | 77 3/8 | 78 1/4-3/8 | :80 3/4 | 80 | 80 3/4 a | :78 3/4 | 78 | 78 3/4 |
| 11 | :78 5/8 | 77 5/8 | 77 7/8 a | :81 | 79 1/2 | 80 1/8-1/4 | :79 | 77 7/8 | 78 1/4-3/8 |
| Saturday: | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | :78 5/8 | 77 1/4 | 77 3/8 | :80 3/8 | 79 1/4 | 79 1/4-3/8 | :78 5/8 | 77 1/2 | 77 1/2 b |
| 15 | :78 1/4 | 77 3/8 | 77 3/8 | :80 1/8 | 79 1/4 | 79 3/8-1/2 | :78 1/2 | 77 1/2 | 77 5/8 |
| 16 | :77 5/8 | 77 1/8 | 77 3/8 | :79 3/4 | 79 1/8 | 79 1/4-1/2 | :78 | 77 1/2 | 77 5/8 |
| 17 | :77 1/2 | 75 5/8 | 76 1/4 | :79 3/8 | 77 1/2 | 78 1/4 | :77 5/8 | 76 | 76 1/2-5/8 |
| 18 | :76 1/8 | 75 | 75 1/4-3/8 | :78 1/8 | 77 3/8 | 77 3/8-5/8 | :76 5/8 | 76 | 76-76 1/8 |
| Saturday: | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | :75 3/8 | 72 | 72-73 1/8 | :77 3/8 | 75 3/4 | 76 1/8-1/2 | :76 3/8 | 75 3/8 | 75 5/8-3/4 |
| 22 | :--- | --- | --- | :76 3/4 | 76 | 76 1/2-5/8 | :75 7/8 | 75 1/4 | 75 3/8-5/8 |
| 23 | :--- | --- | --- | :76 1/2 | 75 1/8 | 75 1/2 | :75 5/8 | 74 1/8 | 74 3/8 |
| 24 | :--- | --- | --- | :76 3/4 | 75 1/8 | 76 5/8-3/4 | :75 1/4 | 74 | 75 1/8-1/4 |
| Holiday | | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday: | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | :--- | --- | --- | :79 3/8 | 78 | 79 1/4-3/8 | :77 3/8 | 76 3/8 | 77 1/4 |
| 29 | :--- | --- | --- | :79 1/2 | 78 1/4 | 78 3/8 | :77 1/2 | 76 1/2 | 76 1/2-5/8 |
| 30 | :--- | --- | --- | :78 1/4 | 77 1/2 | 77 3/4-7/8 | :76 1/2 | 75 3/4 | 76 |
| 31 | :--- | --- | --- | :79 1/8 | 77 7/8 | 79-79 1/8 | :77 1/8 | 76 | 76 7/8-77 |

Table 18. RYE: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
December 1953

| Date | : Chicago : Board of : Trade | : Minneapolis : Grain : Exchange | : Other : contracts : markets | : : Total |
|-----------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1953 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| December | <u>bushels</u> | <u>bushels</u> | <u>bushels</u> | <u>bushels</u> |
| 1 | 7,862 | 34 | 89 | 7,985 |
| 2 | 5,496 | 33 | 25 | 5,554 |
| 3 | 3,948 | 43 | 8 | 3,999 |
| 4 | 2,977 | 29 | 46 | 3,052 |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 7 | 3,328 | 49 | 23 | 3,400 |
| 8 | 2,691 | 12 | 26 | 2,729 |
| 9 | 2,343 | 19 | 17 | 2,379 |
| 10 | 5,717 | 29 | 28 | 5,774 |
| 11 | 4,314 | 26 | 48 | 4,388 |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 14 | 4,597 | 38 | 45 | 4,680 |
| 15 | 2,809 | 9 | 31 | 2,849 |
| 16 | 2,518 | 35 | 49 | 2,602 |
| 17 | 2,724 | 2 | 14 | 2,740 |
| 18 | 2,287 | 39 | 19 | 2,345 |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 21 | 2,867 | 10 | 8 | 2,885 |
| 22 | 3,875 | 57 | 16 | 3,948 |
| 23 | 6,010 | 78 | 54 | 6,142 |
| 24 | 1,864 | 16 | 23 | 1,903 |
| Holiday | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 28 | 2,058 | 22 | 36 | 2,116 |
| 29 | 2,447 | 44 | 14 | 2,505 |
| 30 | 1,750 | 44 | 32 | 1,826 |
| 31 | 1,511 | 12 | 24 | 1,547 |
| Total | | | | |
| Dec. 1953 | 75,993 | 680 | 675 | 77,348 |
| Nov. 1953 | 95,328 | 1,813 | 692 | 97,833 |
| Dec. 1952 | 66,893 | 1,110 | 343 | 68,346 |

Table 19.

RYE:

Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
December 1953

| Date | Future | | | | | All futures |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | December | March | May | July | September | |
| | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels |
| 1953 | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2,880 | 2,210 | 2,595 | 177 | | 7,862 |
| 2 | 1,625 | 1,605 | 2,048 | 218 | | 5,496 |
| 3 | 1,234 | 1,027 | 1,582 | 105 | | 3,948 |
| 4 | 888 | 1,148 | 880 | 61 | | 2,977 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 7 | 1,003 | 1,272 | 1,009 | 44 | | 3,328 |
| 8 | 531 | 930 | 1,223 | 7 | | 2,691 |
| 9 | 351 | 826 | 1,111 | 55 | | 2,343 |
| 10 | 936 | 1,823 | 2,712 | 246 | | 5,717 |
| 11 | 728 | 1,714 | 1,670 | 202 | | 4,314 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 14 | 414 | 1,876 | 2,037 | 270 | | 4,597 |
| 15 | 138 | 1,055 | 1,453 | 163 | | 2,809 |
| 16 | 129 | 1,216 | 1,091 | 82 | | 2,518 |
| 17 | 137 | 909 | 1,469 | 209 | | 2,724 |
| 18 | 196 | 888 | 1,054 | 149 | | 2,287 |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 21 | 745 | 878 | 1,081 | 163 | | 2,867 |
| 22 | --- | 1,260 | 2,114 | 501 | | 3,875 |
| 23 | --- | 2,426 | 2,758 | 826 | | 6,010 |
| 24 | --- | 657 | 790 | 417 | | 1,864 |
| Holiday | | | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | |
| 28 | --- | 582 | 1,152 | 319 | 5 | 2,058 |
| 29 | --- | 801 | 1,037 | 564 | 45 | 2,447 |
| 30 | --- | 453 | 884 | 388 | 25 | 1,750 |
| 31 | --- | 370 | 858 | 178 | 105 | 1,511 |
| Total | | | | | | |
| Dec. 1953 | 11,935 | 25,926 | 32,608 | 5,344 | 180 | 75,993 |
| Nov. 1953 | 39,998 | 24,284 | 26,964 | 4,082 | --- | 95,328 |
| Dec. 1952 | 7,651 | 5 | 40,116 | 16,253 | 2,868 | 66,893 |

Table 20. RYE: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
December 1953

| Date | : Chicago : Board of : Trade | : Minneapolis : Grain : Exchange | : Other : contract : markets | : : Total |
|----------|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1953 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| December | bushels | bushels | bushels | bushels |
| 1 | 27,545 | 588 | 143 | 28,276 |
| 2 | 26,856 | 588 | 150 | 27,594 |
| 3 | 26,563 | 582 | 145 | 27,290 |
| 4 | 26,576 | 586 | 141 | 27,303 |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 7 | 26,226 | 549 | 138 | 26,913 |
| 8 | 26,084 | 553 | 137 | 26,774 |
| 9 | 25,764 | 556 | 132 | 26,452 |
| 10 | 25,331 | 561 | 142 | 26,034 |
| 11 | 24,885 | 557 | 175 | 25,617 |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 14 | 24,757 | 567 | 166 | 25,490 |
| 15 | 24,756 | 572 | 164 | 25,492 |
| 16 | 24,496 | 567 | 137 | 25,200 |
| 17 | 24,501 | 567 | 135 | 25,203 |
| 18 | 24,142 | 539 | 134 | 24,815 |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 21 | 23,823 | 534 | 129 | 24,486 |
| 22 | 23,823 | 524 | 137 | 24,484 |
| 23 | 24,238 | 528 | 134 | 24,900 |
| 24 | 24,233 | 524 | 124 | 24,881 |
| Holiday | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 28 | 24,399 | 538 | 135 | 25,072 |
| 29 | 24,414 | 546 | 137 | 25,097 |
| 30 | 24,579 | 547 | 134 | 25,260 |
| 31 | 24,564 | 557 | 134 | 25,255 |

Table 21. RYE: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
December 1953

| Date | Future | | | | | | All futures |
|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|----------------|
| | December | March | May | July | September | | |
| 1953 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| December | bushels | bushels | bushels | bushels | bushels | bushels | bushels |
| 1 | 4,083 | 9,703 | 11,885 | 1,874 | | | 27,545 |
| 2 | 3,336 | 9,770 | 11,934 | 1,816 | | | 26,856 |
| 3 | 2,888 | 9,909 | 11,965 | 1,801 | | | 26,563 |
| 4 | 2,681 | 10,021 | 12,093 | 1,781 | | | 26,576 |
| Saturday | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 2,160 | 10,195 | 12,082 | 1,789 | | | 26,226 |
| 8 | 1,826 | 10,197 | 12,272 | 1,789 | | | 26,084 |
| 9 | 1,626 | 10,170 | 12,174 | 1,794 | | | 25,764 |
| 10 | 1,439 | 10,174 | 11,898 | 1,820 | | | 25,331 |
| 11 | 1,132 | 10,127 | 11,719 | 1,907 | | | 24,885 |
| Saturday | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 894 | 10,111 | 11,803 | 1,949 | | | 24,757 |
| 15 | 816 | 10,012 | 12,024 | 1,904 | | | 24,756 |
| 16 | 717 | 9,917 | 11,997 | 1,865 | | | 24,496 |
| 17 | 645 | 9,881 | 12,096 | 1,879 | | | 24,501 |
| 18 | 488 | 9,791 | 11,984 | 1,879 | | | 24,142 |
| Saturday | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | |
| 21 | 74 | 9,863 | 12,029 | 1,857 | | | 23,823 |
| 22 | 20 | 9,964 | 11,956 | 1,883 | | | 23,823 |
| 23 | --- | 10,171 | 11,955 | 2,112 | | | 24,238 |
| 24 | --- | 10,065 | 11,932 | 2,236 | | | 24,233 |
| Holiday | | | | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | |
| 28 | --- | 10,068 | 12,088 | 2,238 | 5 | | 24,399 |
| 29 | --- | 9,928 | 12,141 | 2,295 | 50 | | 24,414 |
| 30 | --- | 9,995 | 12,176 | 2,348 | 60 | | 24,579 |
| 31 | --- | 9,998 | 12,090 | 2,381 | 95 | | 24,564 |

Table 22. RYE: Daily closing prices, at Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg
December 1953

| Date | 1954 May future | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| | Chicago | Minneapolis | Winnipeg | |
| | Board of | Grain | Grain | |
| | Trade | Exchange | Exchange | |
| 1953 | | | | |
| <u>December</u> | <u>Cents</u> | <u>Cents</u> | <u>Cents</u> | <u>1/</u> |
| 1 | 128 3/4-29 | 126 7/8 b | 113 7/8 b | |
| 2 | 128 3/4 | 128 | 114 3/8 b | |
| 3 | 128 1/2-3/4 | 128 a | 112 7/8-13 | |
| 4 | 127 7/8-28 | 127 1/4 a | 113 7/8 b | |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 7 | 129 3/4-30 | 129 1/4 b | 115 1/8 a | |
| 8 | 128 3/4-29 | 127 1/2 | 114 1/4 | |
| 9 | 127 3/4 | 125 3/4 a | 113 a | |
| 10 | 129 1/2-30 | 128 a | 113 1/8 | |
| 11 | 131-31 1/4 | 129 1/2 | 114 1/8 | |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 14 | 130 3/4-31 | 129 1/2 a | 114 1/4 b | |
| 15 | 130 1/4-1/2 | 127 1/4 | 113 a | |
| 16 | 129-29 1/4 | 128 | 113 b | |
| 17 | 129 1/4 | 127 5/8 b | 112 7/8 b | |
| 18 | 128 | 127 a | 112 b | |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 21 | 127 1/2-3/4 | 126 3/8 b | 111 3/4 b | |
| 22 | 124 1/2-3/4 | 123 7/8 b | 111 3/8 b | |
| 23 | 120 1/2-21 | 119 5/8 | 107 3/8-5/8 | |
| 24 | 121 1/2-3/4 | 120 1/4 b | 108 5/8 | |
| Holiday | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |
| 28 | 124 1/2 | 123 1/4 | 109 3/4 a | |
| 29 | 123 | 123 | 108 3/8 | |
| 30 | 122-22 1/4 | 122 1/2 a | 106 7/8-07 | |
| 31 | 123 1/4-1/2 | 123 1/4 a | 108 b | |

1/ Quotations taken from the price board of the Chicago Board of Trade and converted into United States currency.

Table 23. RYE: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, December 1953

| Date | 1953 December future | | | 1954 March future | | | 1954 May future | | |
|----------|----------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|---------|-------------|-----------------|---------|-------------|
| | :High | Low | Closing | :High | Low | Closing | :High | Low | Closing |
| 1953 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | Cents | | Cents | Cents | | Cents | Cents | | Cents |
| 1 | :121 1/2 | 118 3/4 | 121-21 1/4 | :126 | 123 3/4 | 125 1/2-3/4 | :129 | 126 1/2 | 128 3/4-29 |
| 2 | :123 | 121 | 121-21 1/4 | :127 1/4 | 125 3/4 | 125 3/4 | :130 1/2 | 128 3/4 | 128 3/4 |
| 3 | :122 1/4 | 120 1/2 | 120 3/4-21 | :127 1/4 | 125 | 125 1/2-3/4 | :129 7/8 | 128 | 128 1/2-3/4 |
| 4 | :121 1/4 | 119 3/4 | 120 1/4-1/2 | :125 3/4 | 124 1/2 | 125 | :128 3/4 | 127 1/4 | 127 7/8-28 |
| Saturday | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | :123 3/4 | 120 7/8 | 123 3/4 | :127 1/2 | 125 | 127 1/4-1/2 | :130 1/8 | 127 3/4 | 129 3/4-30 |
| 8 | :124 1/4 | 122 | 122 1/2 | :127 3/4 | 125 3/4 | 126 1/4 | :130 1/2 | 128 1/4 | 128 3/4-29 |
| 9 | :122 3/4 | 121 | 121 1/2 | :126 3/4 | 124 3/4 | 125 3/8 | :129 1/4 | 127 1/4 | 127 3/4 |
| 10 | :126 | 121 1/4 | 124 1/2-3/4 | :129 1/2 | 125 1/4 | 127 3/4 | :131 1/4 | 127 3/8 | 129 1/2-30 |
| 11 | :126 1/2 | 123 | 126 | :129 3/4 | 127 | 129 1/4-3/4 | :131 5/8 | 129 | 131-31 1/4 |
| Saturday | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | :127 1/2 | 125 1/2 | 126-26 1/4 | :131 1/2 | 128 3/4 | 129-29 1/4 | :133 1/2 | 130 1/2 | 130 3/4-31 |
| 15 | :126 | 125 | 125 1/2 | :129 3/4 | 128 | 128 1/4 | :131 3/4 | 130 | 130 1/4-1/2 |
| 16 | :126 3/4 | 123 3/4 | 123 3/4 | :129 1/2 | 126 5/8 | 126 5/8-3/4 | :131 3/4 | 129 | 129-29 1/4 |
| 17 | :124 1/4 | 123 1/4 | 123 3/4 | :127 1/2 | 126 | 127 | :129 3/4 | 128 | 129 1/4 |
| 18 | :124 1/4 | 122 1/2 | 122 3/4 | :127 | 125 1/2 | 125 1/2 | :129 | 127 3/4 | 128 |
| Saturday | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | :123 1/4 | 121 1/2 | 121 1/2-3/4 | :126 | 124 1/2 | 124 1/2-3/4 | :128 3/4 | 127 1/4 | 127 1/2-3/4 |
| 22 | :--- | --- | --- | :124 | 121 3/4 | 121 3/4-22 | :127 1/4 | 124 1/2 | 124 1/2-3/4 |
| 23 | :--- | --- | --- | :122 | 117 1/4 | 118 1/4-1/2 | :125 | 119 3/4 | 120 1/2-21 |
| 24 | :--- | --- | --- | :119 1/2 | 118 1/2 | 118 1/2-19 | :122 1/4 | 121 | 121 1/2-3/4 |
| Holiday | | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | :--- | --- | --- | :121 7/8 | 120 | 121 3/4-7/8 | :124 1/2 | 122 1/2 | 124 1/2 |
| 29 | :--- | --- | --- | :122 1/2 | 120 | 120-20 1/4 | :125 | 123 | 123 |
| 30 | :--- | --- | --- | :120 1/4 | 119 1/4 | 119 1/4-1/2 | :123 | 121 3/4 | 122-22 1/4 |
| 31 | :--- | --- | --- | :120 1/2 | 119 1/4 | 120 3/8 | :123 1/2 | 122 | 123 1/4-1/2 |

Table 24. GRAIN SORGHUMS: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
December 1953

| Date | Chicago Board of Trade | Kansas City Board of Trade | Total |
|-----------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| 1953 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| December | pounds | pounds | pounds |
| 1 | --- | --- | --- |
| 2 | --- | --- | --- |
| 3 | --- | --- | --- |
| 4 | --- | 560 | 560 |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 7 | 300 | --- | 300 |
| 8 | --- | --- | --- |
| 9 | --- | --- | --- |
| 10 | --- | --- | --- |
| 11 | --- | --- | --- |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 14 | --- | --- | --- |
| 15 | --- | --- | --- |
| 16 | --- | --- | --- |
| 17 | --- | --- | --- |
| 18 | --- | 280 | 280 |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 21 | --- | --- | --- |
| 22 | --- | --- | --- |
| 23 | --- | --- | --- |
| 24 | --- | --- | --- |
| Holiday | | | |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 28 | --- | --- | --- |
| 29 | --- | --- | --- |
| 30 | --- | --- | --- |
| 31 | --- | --- | --- |
| Total | | | |
| Dec. 1953 | 300 | 840 | 1,140 |
| Nov. 1953 | 300 | 29,400 | 29,700 |
| Dec. 1952 | 10,200 | 1,960 | 12,160 |

Table 25. GRAIN SORGHUMS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
December 1953

| Date | Future | | All futures |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | December | March | |
| <u>1953</u> <u>December</u> | <u>1,000</u> <u>pounds</u> | <u>1,000</u> <u>pounds</u> | <u>1,000</u> <u>pounds</u> |
| 1 | --- | --- | --- |
| 2 | --- | --- | --- |
| 3 | --- | --- | --- |
| 4 | --- | --- | --- |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 7 | 300 | --- | 300 |
| 8 | --- | --- | --- |
| 9 | --- | --- | --- |
| 10 | --- | --- | --- |
| 11 | --- | --- | --- |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 14 | --- | --- | --- |
| 15 | --- | --- | --- |
| 16 | --- | --- | --- |
| 17 | --- | --- | --- |
| 18 | --- | --- | --- |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 21 | --- | --- | --- |
| 22 | --- | --- | --- |
| 23 | --- | --- | --- |
| 24 | --- | --- | --- |
| Holiday | | | |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 28 | --- | --- | --- |
| 29 | --- | --- | --- |
| 30 | --- | --- | --- |
| 31 | --- | --- | --- |
| <hr/> | | | |
| Total | | | |
| Dec. 1953 | 300 | --- | 300 |
| Nov. 1953 | 300 | --- | 300 |
| Dec. 1952 | 6,300 | 3,900 | 10,200 |

Table 26. GRAIN SORGHUMS: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
December 1953

| Date | : Chicago Board of Trade | : Kansas City Board of Trade | : Total |
|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 1953 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| December | pounds | pounds | pounds |
| 1 | 300 | 840 | 1,140 |
| 2 | 300 | 840 | 1,140 |
| 3 | 300 | 840 | 1,140 |
| 4 | 300 | 1,400 | 1,700 |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 7 | --- | 1,400 | 1,400 |
| 8 | --- | 840 | 840 |
| 9 | --- | 840 | 840 |
| 10 | --- | --- | --- |
| 11 | --- | --- | --- |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 14 | --- | --- | --- |
| 15 | --- | --- | --- |
| 16 | --- | --- | --- |
| 17 | --- | --- | --- |
| 18 | --- | 280 | 280 |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 21 | --- | 280 | 280 |
| 22 | --- | 280 | 280 |
| 23 | --- | 280 | 280 |
| 24 | --- | --- | --- |
| Holiday | | | |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 28 | --- | --- | --- |
| 29 | --- | --- | --- |
| 30 | --- | --- | --- |
| 31 | --- | --- | --- |

Table 27. GRAIN SORGHUMS: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
December 1953

| Date | Future | | All futures |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | December | March | |
| <u>1953</u> <u>December</u> | <u>1,000</u> <u>pounds</u> | <u>1,000</u> <u>pounds</u> | <u>1,000</u> <u>pounds</u> |
| 1 | 300 | --- | 300 |
| 2 | 300 | --- | 300 |
| 3 | 300 | --- | 300 |
| 4 | 300 | --- | 300 |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 7 | --- | --- | --- |
| 8 | --- | --- | --- |
| 9 | --- | --- | --- |
| 10 | --- | --- | --- |
| 11 | --- | --- | --- |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 14 | --- | --- | --- |
| 15 | --- | --- | --- |
| 16 | --- | --- | --- |
| 17 | --- | --- | --- |
| 18 | --- | --- | --- |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 21 | --- | --- | --- |
| 22 | --- | --- | --- |
| 23 | --- | --- | --- |
| 24 | --- | --- | --- |
| Holiday | | | |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | | | |
| 28 | --- | --- | --- |
| 29 | --- | --- | --- |
| 30 | --- | --- | --- |
| 31 | --- | --- | --- |

Table 28. GRAIN SORGHUMS: Daily closing prices, at Chicago and Kansas City
December 1953

| | : | 1953 December future | | : | |
|-----------------|---|----------------------|---|--------------|--|
| Date | : | Chicago | : | Kansas City | |
| | : | Board of | : | Board of | |
| | : | Trade | : | Trade | |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| 1953 | | | | | |
| <u>December</u> | | <u>Cents</u> | | <u>Cents</u> | |
| 1 | | 275 n | | 242 1/2 b | |
| 2 | | 275 n | | 242 1/2 n | |
| 3 | | 275 n | | 241 1/2 b | |
| 4 | | 275 n | | 242 | |
| Saturday | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | |
| 7 | | 271 | | 242 a | |
| 8 | | --- | | 242 n | |
| 9 | | --- | | 242 n | |
| 10 | | --- | | 242 n | |
| 11 | | --- | | 241 3/4 a | |
| Saturday | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | |
| 14 | | --- | | 241 3/4 n | |
| 15 | | --- | | 241 3/4 a | |
| 16 | | --- | | 238 a | |
| 17 | | --- | | 238 n | |
| 18 | | --- | | 240 1/2 | |
| Saturday | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | |
| 21 | | --- | | 240 a | |
| 22 | | --- | | --- | |
| 23 | | --- | | --- | |
| 24 | | --- | | --- | |
| Holiday | | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | |
| 28 | | --- | | --- | |
| 29 | | --- | | --- | |
| 30 | | --- | | --- | |
| 31 | | --- | | --- | |

Table 29. SOYBEANS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
December 1953

| Date | Future | | | | | | All futures |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|----------------|
| | January | March | May | July | September | November | |
| 1953 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| December | bushels | bushels | bushels | bushels | bushels | bushels | bushels |
| 1 | 6,582 | 8,664 | 5,566 | 6,222 | 1,973 | | 29,007 |
| 2 | 6,103 | 6,979 | 3,737 | 5,022 | 2,715 | | 24,556 |
| 3 | 3,790 | 6,092 | 3,475 | 4,794 | 3,546 | | 21,697 |
| 4 | 4,221 | 5,300 | 3,195 | 3,758 | 2,128 | | 18,602 |
| Saturday | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 2,910 | 4,559 | 3,476 | 2,953 | 1,166 | | 15,064 |
| 8 | 4,514 | 6,852 | 3,581 | 4,140 | 2,424 | | 21,511 |
| 9 | 5,792 | 10,560 | 6,677 | 6,799 | 1,752 | | 31,580 |
| 10 | 4,193 | 8,740 | 5,492 | 5,100 | 1,245 | | 24,770 |
| 11 | 4,810 | 10,248 | 5,174 | 4,822 | 924 | | 25,978 |
| Saturday | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 2,253 | 5,618 | 2,627 | 3,063 | 519 | | 14,080 |
| 15 | 3,330 | 7,304 | 4,254 | 4,143 | 633 | | 19,664 |
| 16 | 4,781 | 9,539 | 4,738 | 5,119 | 1,344 | | 25,521 |
| 17 | 4,968 | 9,021 | 5,684 | 4,554 | 970 | | 25,197 |
| 18 | 4,230 | 10,653 | 4,560 | 4,888 | 1,423 | | 25,754 |
| Saturday | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | |
| 21 | 2,675 | 6,142 | 2,914 | 2,493 | 860 | | 15,084 |
| 22 | 2,800 | 6,225 | 3,618 | 3,532 | 607 | | 16,782 |
| 23 | 2,456 | 5,598 | 3,338 | 2,953 | 718 | | 15,063 |
| 24 | 2,212 | 4,558 | 2,261 | 1,924 | 617 | | 11,572 |
| Holiday | | | | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | |
| 28 | 3,628 | 10,347 | 5,035 | 5,809 | 1,671 | 621 | 27,111 |
| 29 | 2,860 | 9,413 | 5,013 | 5,270 | 1,291 | 501 | 24,348 |
| 30 | 4,020 | 8,433 | 4,770 | 3,972 | 802 | 689 | 22,686 |
| 31 | 4,316 | 7,647 | 4,598 | 3,316 | 866 | 400 | 21,143 |
| Total | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 1953 | 87,444 | 168,492 | 93,783 | 94,646 | 30,194 | 2,211 | 476,770 |
| Nov. 1953 | 130,547 | 102,711 | 67,319 | 67,960 | 11,405 | 24,913 | 404,855 |
| Dec. 1952 | 112,334 | 86,387 | 61,609 | 24,153 | 5,328 | --- | 289,811 |

Table 30. SOYBEANS:

Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
December 1953

| Date | Future | | | | | | | All futures |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|----------------|
| | January | March | May | July | September | November | | |
| 1953 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| December | bushels | bushels | bushels | bushels | bushels | bushels | bushels | bushels |
| 1 | 20,274 | 29,954 | 22,792 | 22,921 | 5,092 | | | 101,033 |
| 2 | 19,823 | 30,737 | 23,087 | 23,858 | 5,098 | | | 102,603 |
| 3 | 19,964 | 31,773 | 23,754 | 24,183 | 5,163 | | | 104,837 |
| 4 | 19,779 | 31,942 | 24,339 | 24,954 | 4,998 | | | 106,012 |
| Saturday | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 19,475 | 32,687 | 25,016 | 25,491 | 5,133 | | | 107,802 |
| 8 | 18,609 | 33,014 | 25,471 | 26,004 | 5,950 | | | 109,048 |
| 9 | 17,759 | 33,289 | 25,899 | 26,531 | 5,909 | | | 109,387 |
| 10 | 17,859 | 33,760 | 25,642 | 26,299 | 5,910 | | | 109,470 |
| 11 | 17,868 | 34,485 | 25,247 | 26,997 | 6,173 | | | 110,770 |
| Saturday | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 17,810 | 34,356 | 25,083 | 26,856 | 6,137 | | | 110,242 |
| 15 | 17,025 | 34,402 | 25,307 | 27,402 | 6,299 | | | 110,435 |
| 16 | 16,667 | 34,127 | 25,095 | 27,387 | 6,605 | | | 109,881 |
| 17 | 16,153 | 34,311 | 24,609 | 27,486 | 6,715 | | | 109,274 |
| 18 | 16,021 | 33,953 | 24,787 | 27,268 | 6,495 | | | 108,524 |
| Saturday | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | 15,642 | 34,365 | 25,119 | 27,253 | 6,529 | | | 108,908 |
| 22 | 15,529 | 34,638 | 25,370 | 27,187 | 6,589 | | | 109,313 |
| 23 | 15,535 | 34,927 | 25,596 | 27,204 | 6,606 | | | 109,868 |
| 24 | 15,282 | 35,426 | 25,452 | 27,426 | 6,598 | | | 110,184 |
| Holiday | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | 14,909 | 35,904 | 25,579 | 27,853 | 6,743 | 453 | | 111,441 |
| 29 | 14,791 | 35,605 | 26,203 | 28,379 | 6,656 | 783 | | 112,417 |
| 30 | 14,438 | 35,855 | 26,205 | 28,808 | 6,752 | 999 | | 113,057 |
| 31 | 14,022 | 36,014 | 26,522 | 29,065 | 6,775 | 1,173 | | 113,571 |

Table 31. SOYBEANS: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, December 1953

| Date | 1954 January future | | | | 1954 March future | | | | 1954 May future | | | |
|----------|---------------------|---------|-------------|--|-------------------|---------|-------------|--|-----------------|---------|----------------|--|
| | High | Low | Closing | | High | Low | Closing | | High | Low | Closing | |
| 1953 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 313 1/2 | 311 1/4 | 312 1/4-3/4 | | 313 3/4 | 310 1/2 | 312 1/2-3/4 | | 310 3/4 | 307 1/2 | 310 1/4-1/2 | |
| 2 | 314 1/2 | 311 1/2 | 313 1/2-3/4 | | 314 3/4 | 311 1/2 | 313-13 1/4 | | 311 1/4 | 309 | 310 | |
| 3 | 313 | 310 | 310 1/4-1/2 | | 313 1/4 | 310 1/2 | 310 3/4-11 | | 309 3/4 | 307 1/4 | 307 3/4-08 | |
| 4 | 311 | 308 | 308 1/4-1/2 | | 311 1/2 | 308 3/4 | 309-09 1/4 | | 308 | 306 | 306 1/4-1/2 | |
| Saturday | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 310 3/4 | 308 | 310 1/2-3/4 | | 312 1/4 | 308 3/4 | 312-12 1/4 | | 309 1/2 | 306 1/4 | 309 1/4 | |
| 8 | 311 3/4 | 308 3/4 | 309-09 1/4 | | 313 1/4 | 310 | 310 1/4-1/2 | | 310 3/4 | 307 1/4 | 307 3/4-08 | |
| 9 | 308 3/4 | 301 1/4 | 303 1/4-1/2 | | 310 1/4 | 301 1/2 | 303 3/4-04 | | 308 1/4 | 298 | 301 1/4-1/2 | |
| 10 | 307 1/4 | 302 1/4 | 306 1/4-1/2 | | 306 3/4 | 302 3/4 | 306-06 1/4 | | 303 3/4 | 300 1/4 | 302 3/4-03 | |
| 11 | 308 1/4 | 302 5/8 | 307 3/4-08 | | 309 | 303 1/2 | 308 3/4-09 | | 305 1/4 | 300 3/4 | 305-05 1/4 | |
| Saturday | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 307 3/4 | 304 3/4 | 305 | | 308 1/4 | 305 3/4 | 305 3/4-06 | | 305 | 302 3/4 | 302 3/4-03 | |
| 15 | 306 | 303 | 303-03 1/4 | | 307 | 303 1/4 | 303 1/2-3/4 | | 303 1/2 | 299 3/4 | 300 1/4 | |
| 16 | 305 1/4 | 300 | 300-300 1/2 | | 305 3/8 | 300 | 301 1/4-1/2 | | 302 | 296 1/2 | 298 1/4-1/2 | |
| 17 | 303 1/2 | 298 1/2 | 303 1/4-1/2 | | 304 | 299 | 303 1/2-04 | | 301 | 295 3/4 | 300 3/4-01 | |
| 18 | 301 1/4 | 298 1/4 | 299 1/2-3/4 | | 302 | 298 3/4 | 300 1/2-3/4 | | 299 | 296 | 298-98 1/4 | |
| Saturday | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | 301 | 298 3/4 | 299 3/4-300 | | 302 1/4 | 299 7/8 | 301 1/4-1/2 | | 299 3/4 | 297 | 298-98 1/4 | |
| 22 | 302 3/4 | 299 1/2 | 302 1/4-1/2 | | 304 3/4 | 301 1/2 | 304-04 1/4 | | 302 | 298 3/4 | 301 1/2 | |
| 23 | 303 3/4 | 302 | 302 3/4-03 | | 305 1/2 | 303 3/4 | 304 3/4-05 | | 303 | 301 1/4 | 301 1/2-3/4 | |
| 24 | 305 3/4 | 302 3/4 | 305 1/2-3/4 | | 307 1/2 | 305 | 307 1/4-1/2 | | 304 1/2 | 302 | 304 1/4-1/2 | |
| Holiday | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | 311 3/4 | 306 | 311 1/2-3/4 | | 313 | 307 3/4 | 312 3/4-13 | | 310 1/2 | 305 | 310 1/4-1/2 | |
| 29 | 311 1/4 | 307 1/2 | 307 1/2-3/4 | | 313 | 309 3/4 | 310 | | 310 1/2 | 307 1/4 | 307 1/4-3/4 | |
| 30 | 307 3/4 | 305 | 305 1/4-1/2 | | 310 | 307 1/4 | 307 3/4-08 | | 308 | 305 1/4 | 305 1/2-3/4 | |
| 31 | 311 1/2 | 304 3/4 | 310 1/2-11 | | 312 1/4 | 307 | 311 1/2-3/4 | | 310 | 305 1/2 | 308 3/4-09 1/4 | |

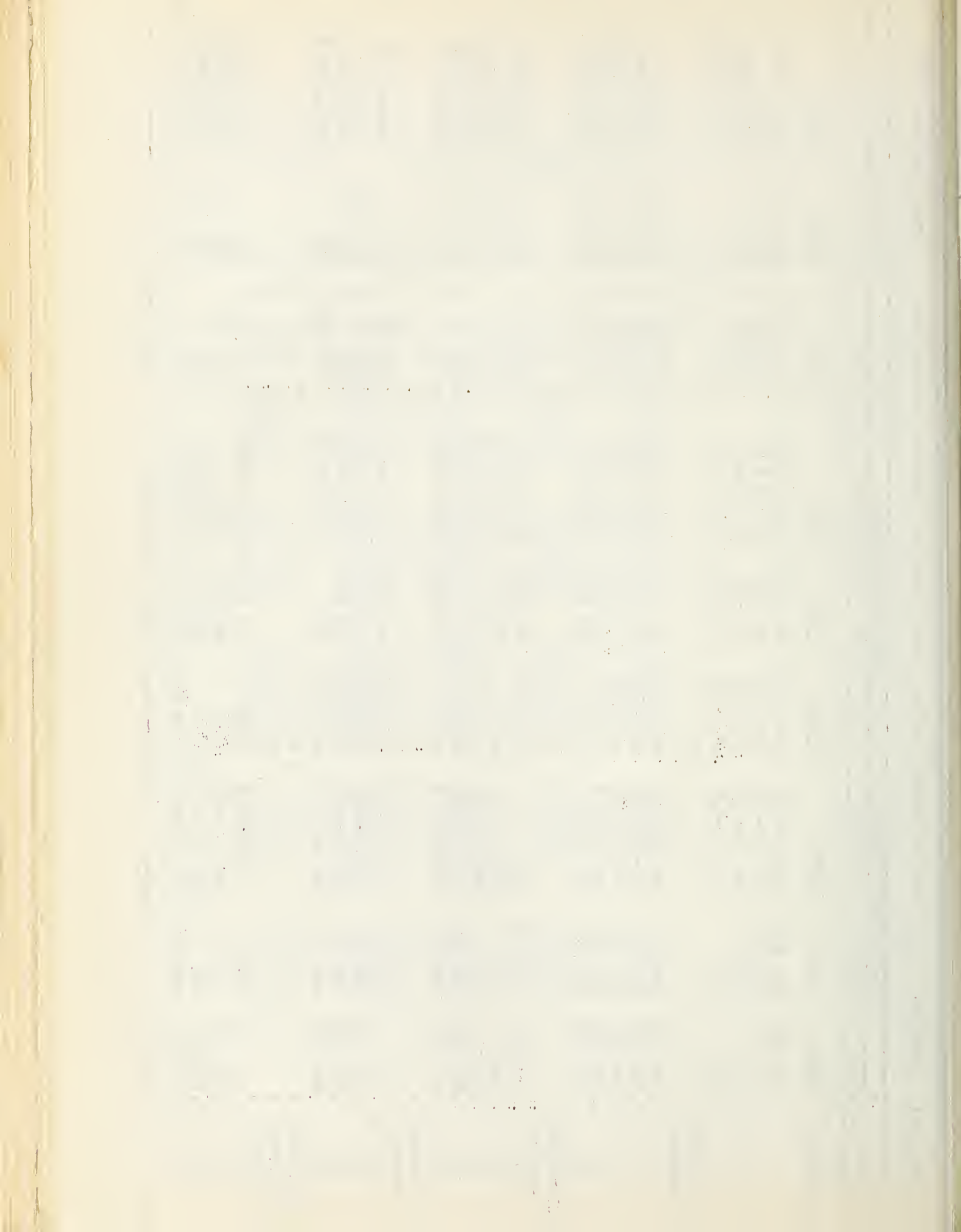
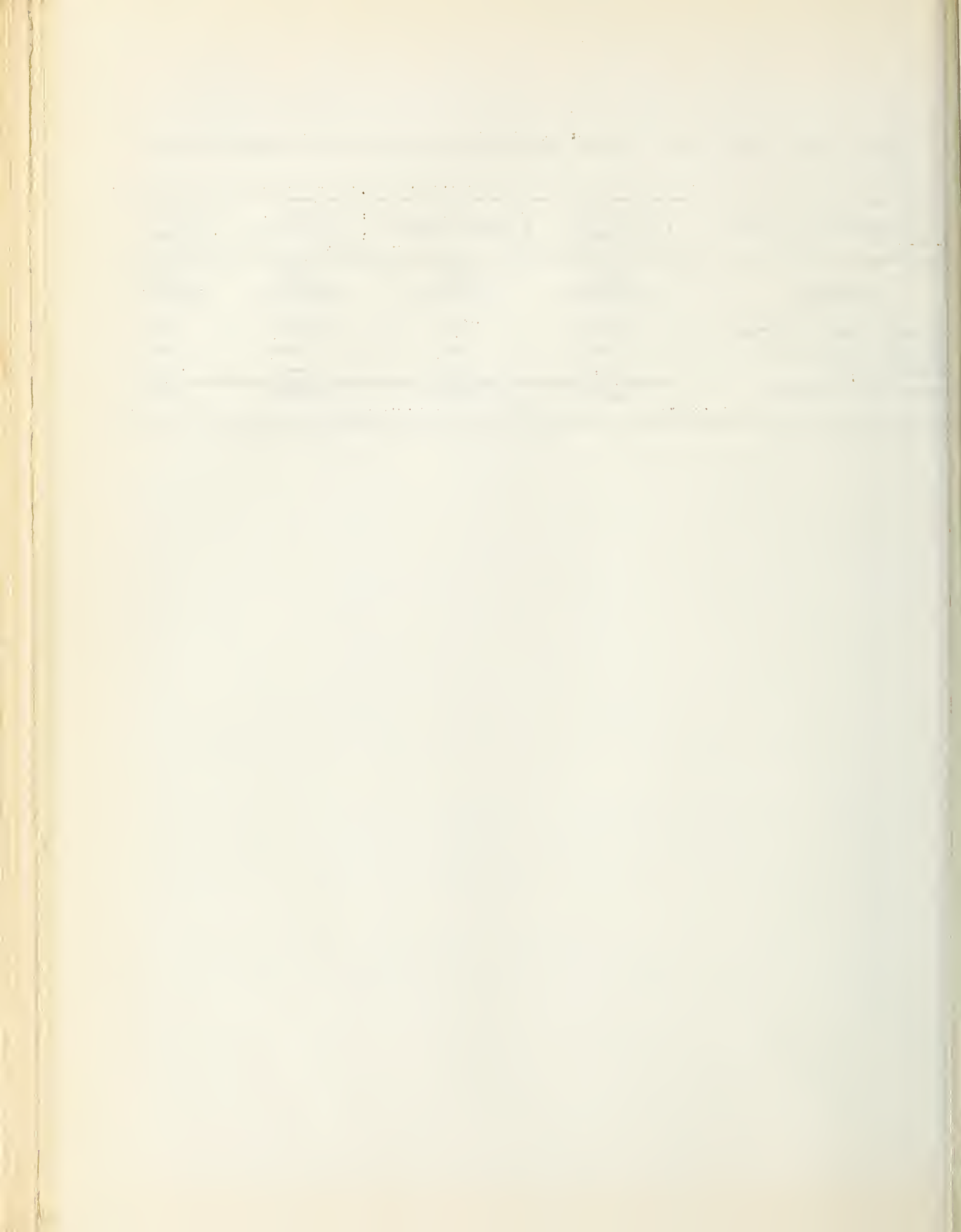


Table 32. 1953 NOVEMBER FUTURE: Deliveries of grain on all contract markets

| Commodity and Market | : Initial : Deliveries : | : Redeliveries : | : Total : Deliveries : | : Notices : Passed : |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels |
| <u>SOYBEANS</u> | | | | |
| Chicago Board of Trade | 1,657 | 1,706 | 3,363 | 750 |
| Chicago Open Board | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Minneapolis | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total, all markets | 1,657 | 1,706 | 3,363 | 750 |



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